



# The Bystander.

## KUHIO'S TURN DOWN OF HAWAII

The country is saved. Hawaii's Delegate to Congress has been heard from. Kuhio is in Washington!

It is true that the latest Coast files mention our representative as gallivanting around San Francisco and other Californian health resorts but there is no doubt that he was at the Capital yesterday.

The fact is also apparent that Kuhio was not on the job when the appropriation for needed improvements in Honolulu harbor was up for consideration in the house.

Improvement of Honolulu harbor is a matter of the most vital importance. It is a business proposition that this work must be done and done quickly. It will not wait until next year, or year after next. Now is the time for it, with scores of ships already heading Honoluluward through the Panama Canal and other searoads to follow on their heels.

The chamber of commerce sat up and took notice when cabled advice came announcing that the \$200,000 maintenance appropriation for Honolulu harbor had been stricken. Prompt action was demanded. They took up the proposition as they would take up any other business proposition. On the face of it, Kuhio was not attending to the community business. Who could they get to do the work necessary in their behalf?

Sidney M. Ballou is in Washington, but he is in the employ of the planters and his services are not available to the general community. He has other work to do and is doing it. Ex-Governor Frear could have helped the community but he is at home attending to his law business. Time is all important and he could not go to Washington in time to do anything.

The only man available seemed to be George K. McClellan. The business men did some more quick work. They asked Mr. McClellan, "Can you go?" He answered, "Yes." Now, Kuhio cables the chamber, "Don't send McClellan. I don't need him."

This is not so. Kuhio needs McClellan because Hawaii needs him, and Honolulu business men need him. Hawaii's needs ought to be paramount with Hawaii's Delegate, but what is in the best interests of Hawaii is no more uppermost in Jonah K. Kūhiō's mind today than it was last year when he absented himself from Washington for practically the entire session of congress.

Kuhio told certain business men here in Honolulu just before he went to Washington that he would be glad to have any assistance the business men would give him, provided "The Planters" would first present him with the head of Sidney M. Ballou on a silver platter.

He seems absolutely unable to recognize the fact that while "The Planters" are an important element in Hawaii they are not Hawaii. He, Kuhio, was sent to Washington to represent Hawaii—all of it—not the sole interests of any one class, or clique, or party in Hawaii.

Kuhio's refusal to accept Mr. McClellan's services, paid for by the combined business interests of Honolulu, is recognized to be simply a case of "I have said it. Therefore it must be. Give me Ballou's head. If you don't, then Hawaii be damned! Me for Palm Beach!"

## TOO EXPENSIVE A SAVER

There is a movement on foot to retain W. A. Wall as city engineer. I hope it will not succeed. Wall, in my humble opinion, has been about the most expensive economizer Honolulu has ever had. I could forgive his molasses roads, because they made me laugh, and I might overlook the fierce bitch he made on Beretania street, because that is a good sample to go by of how not to build a road, but there can be no forgiveness for the way the city engineer allowed the road department under him to be prostituted for political purposes as it was during the month preceding the election.

That time is not so far past but what Honoluluans can remember. They know how the city treasury was wrung dry to provide political funds for the supervisors, and the road department, presided over by Wall, was the avenue through which the community was robbed of many much needed thousands. Wall, if he had been the man we want, would have protested against the way the money was being spent and would, if unheeded by the board, have appealed to the public to put a stop to the waste. If he had regarded his duty to the taxpayers as he should he would have resigned, rather than be a party to the looting of the money chest. But he chooses to keep his mouth shut and keep his job, and that is why he should lose it now.

I have small faith in the elaborate showing of economy that the statistics of the city engineer's department are given out to prove. I would rather see some roads being built than have to con over the product of an adding machine. Macadam in place looks better to me than long columns of figures. Wall has not made good, in spite of the statistics, and a change will be for the better.

## CAN AMERICANS CHANGE THEIR TASTES?

Trade analyses for the year 1914 show a falling off of about thirty-five million dollars per month in the American export trade, or, about ninety-six million dollars per month since the beginning of the European war. The United States had lost about \$480,000,000 up to January 1, 1915, this loss being the value of merchandise produced but unsold. To that date this constitutes our share in the burden of war.

What the total cost will be depends on the ability of the American people to adjust themselves to the enforced closure of foreign markets and change their tastes to develop a liking for goods manufactured at home.

The better class of citizens can and undoubtedly will adopt this course because they recognize the necessity of so doing. But will the majority do so? A friend of mine who lived a number of years in India told of the experiences of the government in handling one of the terrible famines that sweep that densely populated land when crops fail through drought or flood. The British government bought heavy stocks of Chinese and Japanese rice. The good people of the United States sent a ship-load of corn as their contribution.

But when these new and untried food stuffs were distributed to the starving poor, and millet and barley-eating races of India the starving natives preferred death to changing their bill of fare. The tribes that were accustomed to beans and peas demanded legumes and would not eat corn meal. The bread eaters would not eat rice. The rice eaters would not eat beans.

If Americans who have always demanded Scotch woolsens, Parisian silks, and German ribbons can rapidly adjust their tastes to goods made in America the hundred million dollars per month this country is now losing as a result of the war can be turned into a profit. If on the other hand they are like the Indian who in a famine the American war bill for 1915 will be double or treble what it has been up to January 1.

## MR. DOOLEY ON AMERICAN NEUTRALITY

The American attitude towards the President's plea that strict neutrality be observed in this country in the present unpleasantness in Europe is deliciously presented by F. P. Dunne, speaking through Mithster Dooley, in the current number of Hearst's Magazine. Here is what the Chicago philosopher has to say:

"Nowthin' has been more gratifyin' to me than th' way this abject nation has followed Dock Wilson's order f'r us not to take sides in th' controversy that has been goin' on in a nothern country to decide whether a man is more cultured or havin' his head blowed off by a pondrinos an' convinct Krupp gun, or be th' more livelier an' wittier argyments tucsed out by th' French school iv artillery. This is especially thrus iv our fellow citizens iv

German extraction. They show little sign shortin' explodin', that they ar' re'ntrested in th' result. I talked with wan th' other day. He was a c'm, Germanish, modest, Brooshyan, like me friend Dock Munsterberg, who is takin' Manchouchevite infants an' tucsin' thim into little Germanies in th' kindergarten just outside iv Boston. This here jaynal lead began his argyment with th' bashful admission that Germany is th' on'y respectable country on th' face iv th' globe. Germany, says he, does not letin' to carry this war on to th' bitter end. It will be satisfied to stop when it has improved th' wurld by removin' all savages tribes that cannot sleep comfortable under a feather mattress. "In twenty years," says he, "th' German tongue, or so might say palate, will be th' on'y language in th' wurld," says he. "We will stamp German culture on mankind," says he. "Hoke will ye do it?" says I. "With th' heels iv our boots," says th' kindly fellow.

"As far as I can see, most iv th' rest iv th' population iv this on-prejudiced country is shelly impartial on th' other side. Accordin' to thim, when we ar' re' called upon to mediate between th' nations at war, we will insist that Bligium shall not be hasty in burnin' th' German imp'r at th' stake, but must do it slowly. In return Bligium will be allowed to black up th' population iv Germany an' send thim to th' Congo to gather th' rubber crop, an' Japan will be asked to colonize th' country with Chinymen. This was th' idea iv a nothern who come in th' other day on his way home f'r th' pence, after havin' a rock through Schwartmeister's window."

## High Honoluluans and Their Hobbies--E. D. Tenney



## CHASING THE GREASED PIG

Billy Sheldon sat rather sadly by his desk, over which were draped portieres of cowhide, on an afternoon last week, musing over politics, pilikia, and the misfortunes often occurring twixt the cup and the lip.

It is tough luck, you may take it from Billy Sheldon, who is something of an authority on this subject, to have a sincere roll up and then roll away again without being caught--to have dreamed and planned of a nice, soft heart's-delight job, and to lose it just when one thinks one has it safely in captivity!

Yes, that's tough luck. That's why Billy Sheldon sat by his desk rather sadly; and this is how it came about:

One pleasant afternoon Sheldon met Mayor Lane and they fell to talking together, and after a while the mayor told his friend that he wished to discharge a political obligation he felt toward him. After a moment's pause, Lane asked Sheldon how he would like to be civil service commissioner.

There is nothing much but glory in the commissioner job, and Sheldon felt he needed something a little more tangible and material, and made bold to tell his Honor so.

"Now up there in the district court an assistant prosecuting officer is needed," he commented pointedly. "I have had an abundance of experience in the court, and a good job there with a nice salary attached would be to my liking."

Mayor Lane agreed with him that an assistant prosecutor should

be employed; and furthermore, he agreed to have one appointed. They shook hands on it, the two old friends, and Sheldon went back to his office with a heart that beat merrily.

In a few days a meeting of the supervisors came, and true to the mayor's word, a position of assistant prosecutor was created. Billy Sheldon stood treat from the time he heard the news until--

Just before the scene opened and Lawyer Sheldon was disclosed sitting rather sadly at his desk, with his bowed head gently touching the portieres of cowhide over his desk, some one had dropped up to ask him if he had heard that City Attorney Cathcart had just appointed Charles Chillingworth as assistant prosecutor.

## CHRONOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

The difference in time between Honolulu and New York or between this village and Sydney never was quite clear to me. As near as I can figure it if you send a cablegram down to Australia the message gets there yesterday, but if a Sydney cable called Honolulu yesterday the message gets here tomorrow. A business man who sent a wireless message to New York and got a full answer back within an hour explained the phenomenon as being due to the fact that there is a difference of five hours between here and New York and the message got there five hours before he sent it. This looks reasonable to me. I am going to refer the solution of this weighty problem to the "committee on changing the clock" which seems to have busted its main spring and gone out of business. How is it? And if not, why?

## The Losses In the War

San Francisco Argonauts--A report from Copenhagen gives the total number of Austro-German losses as 3,000,000, and as this is based upon the actual casualty lists plus averages of the lists still unpublished it is probably correct. The total British losses are about 35,000. France does not publish casualty lists, but there are said to be 500,000 wounded men in her hospitals, and we may suppose that the total losses are somewhere in the neighborhood of a million, although this is a quite generous estimate. If we suppose that the



"Here, you guys, listen to this," said High Private Jones as he tilted back in his favorite chair in the company barber shop, and read from the evening news sheet: "Among th' noteworthy accomplishments of th' C. O.'s administration, was th' completion of a road to Kolo Kolo Pass. Aside from its military value--h'm--get that--military value--th' road opens th' ways the view from Kolo Kolo Pass is more impressive than th' Pali." It is, it is, pressed every guy here that had t' swing a pick an' shovel, which is more than th' Pali did.

"This road was built by 900 soldiers in nine working days. U'm--U'm--what, that H. Gooding Field guy could do to them figures. The object, hein', I presume, to show that it didn't cost \$24,000 a mile, an' is worth all it did cost, which I'm presently goin' to prove. Th' road was laid out by the C. O. himself, meaning I suppose that he's a better man than that stuff. Which is right."

"Well, I'll read on. 'It required a great many twists an' turns to keep th' grade below six per cent.' It sure did. 'Several automobiles have made th' trip to th' top of th' pass. It is a rather difficult climb, an' a bad road upon which to meet another car.' That's all it says."

"You know, that reads like some o' this H. P. Wood stuff, only it's got more class. Gettin' right down t' cases, that military value thing sticks me. Was a time when them artillery ginks would take a field battery through th' gap an' down to Waianae, regular Kipling style, just to demonstrate their efficiency, see. But that was th' old road. I don't think their 'O's dare take any chances on sendin' a battery up over this new military road."

"After them 900 men, working nine days, had built that personally supervised scenic road, they started to use it. First there's that cap'n of ours with th' little red automobile. An' adventurous gink, by the way. He started to climb th' new road, an' went in one front wheel up to th' hub, an' had to be pulled out."

"Then, them several automobiles must have made it without goin' through. Anyhow they started an' ambulanse load o' children--remember me, edlin' you about that transportation--up to the top of th' pass, an' she went through on turn, an' tipped over an' busted th' top, an' by a miracle didn't kill any of th' kids."

"That shows how you guys slight your work when you go out t' build scenic roads. If you'd a' built her proper, which you ought to, seein' how much money you was costin' th' government, she wouldn't be giving way every time a vehicle goes up th' pass, an' the artillery could take their guns through, without havin' t' climb the hills."

## Small Talks

CAPTAIN BERGER--Mein "Mayor Lane March" is ein schnell vultz, nicht like mein "Governor Pinkham." Dot is ein hesitation, natuerlich.

EDWARD WOODWARD--When the mayor got that letter from the man in Boston asking for his Ideal, I thought at first he was asking for a job.

A. D. CASTRO--It is marvelous how rapidly the population of Honolulu is increasing, especially out Makiki way. This is certainly one of the healthy signs of the times.

HARRY MURRAY--Everybody get in the movie picture? What a chance! I bet there's many a man keeps well under cover Monday, or puts on a fake beard when he comes out.

GOVERNOR PINKHAM--I'm grateful for the visit of Prince and Princess Kampongpetch to Honolulu. But for this happy event my medical would have kept me interned another week or two.

J. S. MARTIN--I believe that we ought to do all we can to preserve neutrality during the European war but when John K. Iwell and John Schneck foregather in my tailor shop to "preserve" neutrality the population of Merchant street claim that I am running a jam factory.

PROFESSOR JAGGAR, Volcano Observatory--For those who interest to visit the volcano, the time to come is now. Positive predictions are not possible, but there is a great likelihood of increase of fumes and poor seeing in February and March, with a very low level of the lava on the equinox. At present the lake is magnificent and spectacular.

CAPTAIN BRAY--Yes, I have left the U. S. quarantine service, after eight and a half years as pilot, and two thousand, seven hundred and sixteen trips out and in to arriving ships, without a serious accident to life, limb, or launch. I am driven out of the service at last by the tyrannical treatment of Doctor Trotter, and A. P. Taylor's Little Lord Fauntleroy.

MARSTON CAMPBELL--People are gradually getting educated up to the point where they realize that the government is "us" and not "they." The only way property owners can get good roads is to pay for their own roads themselves. They pay in the long run anyway, but as long as people look on "the government" as a power separate from themselves, it is hard to make them see the point.

HUBON K. ASHFORD--Admiral S. W. Kaleikini came to me the other day and said: "What for you no make swear for me?" I was beginning to gratify his wish when he held up his right hand and with the left uncovered his head. "I no mean that kind," said he. Then I hit my pate. He wanted to be sworn in as a bailiff of the territorial grand jury. In this I also gratified him at the proper time.

JOHN KAHANANUI--When the Governor gets into a quandary over some important matter of state like the proper shade of pink candles to set on the banquet board an official wireless goes to Maui and our mutual friend Doctor Raymond takes the first boat for Honolulu. After the illumination design is decided "J. H." goes back home. If Secretary Thayer would only study ar it would save the Territory something in wireless bills.

E. H. LEWIS--At the Hawaii Fair Commission shows very little inclination to give a show at the Panama Pacific Exposition, I think I can do a lot of advertising for these islands by taking Madame Pushi and eight aide ptes to the fair. There is no question but what this feature would be a great drawing card. Madame Pushi has agreed to pass an promotion committee folders if she is successful in getting a concession in the grounds.

JOHN SMITH--Burglars having found it perfectly safe to ride the office of Alexander & Baldwin, they have evidently concluded that it is perfectly safe, also, to rob Alexander & Baldwin's secretary in broad daylight. So they took his automobile. After the Staugenwald Building was burglarized, the detectives detailed a man to watch the building to catch the burglar when he repeated. On the same theory, I suppose, there is a detective watching the spot in the road from which the auto was stolen.

JAMES D. LEVENSON--That motion picture of Honolulu, to be taken tomorrow at noon, will be one of the strongest tourist pulling magnets and greatest assets to our Hawaii nel. "Honolulu in January" seems to me the appropriate title for this picture, from a psychological point of view. The picture will demonstrate to the world our life and dress in January. Men and women of all nationalities should turn out dressed in white. A very interesting feature in this picture will be the Honolulu Ad Club members leaving Young Hotel after their usual weekly luncheon all dressed in white, with their club hat bands. Did you hear, ye Ad Club men? Let us make a real booster shoveling. I will positively be there on time. Come all.

MRS. ALICE PARK--I thank The Advertiser for the generous amount of space you gave Thursday to several of my favorite topics, of which I have a good many. And also for the general tone of the article. One of my friends beg me to correct the title "Miss" to "Mrs." a correction of no consequence at all. I answered her at first, but she assures me that remarks on child training offered by a Miss carry less weight than the same advice tendered by a Mrs., and if it is known that I have children, it will be inferred that I have learned something from experience. Is she right? "Old maid" children are referred to with sarcasm by the proverb, but I don't agree with the proverb. I owe as much to my normal school and teacher's experience as to my family experience. However, I regret that half the Pacific Ocean lies between my children and Honolulu, and I cannot offer them as "exhibit A."

FRID L. WATDRON--It seems to me we are spending more money for promotion work than is justified by the results we are getting. When it comes right down to facts Hawaii would undoubtedly get a bigger return if the cash available for promotion work were turned over to Thomas Cook & Son or some other tourist agency whose commercial concern that is in the business and could itself seek to make a direct profit out of it. These companies have their trained publicity agents who know how to get results. I have the highest personal esteem for Mr. Wood and the fullest appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered this community but it seems to me that we need to go at this proposition in a bigger way and from a broader standpoint. It is a commercial proposition to bring more tourists to Hawaii--Hence the community must go at it in a commercial way and spend the money where it will get the business.